

RESPONSE

Claims Status

Claims 1-34 were originally filed in this application. In an office action dated July 18, 2005, claims 1-34 were rejected. In response, Applicants filed an amendment and response on December 16, 2005, in which claims 1, 28, 11, 17, 18, 24, 27, 29, 33 and 34 were cancelled, claims 3-7, 9, 10, 12-16, 19-23, 25, 26, 28, 30 and 31 were been amended, and claims 35-42 were added. A final office action was issued on February 15, 2006, citing new art and rejecting all pending claims. In response, Applicants amended claims 3, 9, 10, 14, 19, 25, 26, 28, 30, 36 and 42, and a Request for Continued Examination was filed on June 8, 2006. A subsequent office action issued on August 10, 2006. In response, Applicants amended claims 35, 38, 39 and 40. An office action was then issued on January 22, 2007, and Applicants amended claims 35 and 40 in response thereto. A final office action then issued on April 13, 2007. Applicants hereby submit this amendment and response to address the outstanding objections and rejections. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections

In the current Action, claims 3-7, 9-10, 12-16, 19-23, 25-26, 28, 30-32 and 35-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his favorable review and consideration of the previously submitted amendments and his assistance in discussing these rejections, and respectfully submit that the claim amendments submitted above overcome these rejections, and as such the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank Examiner Guill for his time and courtesy extended during the telephonic interview on April 25, 2007, with the undersigned attorney, and for the helpful suggestions with respect to claim amendments. The following discussion is intended to constitute a proper recordation of this interview in accordance with MPEP §713.04, and also to provide a full response to the Office Action.

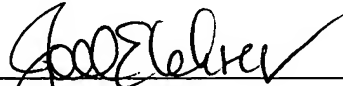
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application and claims in light of this Amendment and Response, and submit that all currently pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes in his review of this Amendment and Response that a telephonic interview would expedite the favorable prosecution of the present application, the Applicants' attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the Examiner toward placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 30, 2007
Reg. No. 56,401

Tel. No.: (617) 570-1057
Fax No.: (617) 523-1231



Joel E. Lehrer
Attorney for Applicants
Goodwin Procter LLP
Exchange Place
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
Customer No. 051414